

Coast Guard Inventory

The Coast Guard operates an active fleet of cutters, boats, helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

All sea-going craft less than 65 feet in length fall under the classification of boat. Such boats include motor surfboats, port security boats, ports and waterways boats, aids to navigation boats and a variety of smaller, non-standard boats.

Sea-going vessels longer than 65 feet are classified as cutters. These workhorses of the Coast Guard conduct crucial missions far from shore. Their missions may include homeland security, maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, polar icebreaking, and aids to navigation.

Due to the increasing obsolescence of many of these assets, the Coast Guard has embarked on its largest acquisition program in history. It will replace aging cutters, aircraft and the sensors used onboard these units to detect, reconnoiter and interdict anyone from drug smugglers to survivors in a life raft. Some of the units being replaced were assets used in World War II. The Deepwater Project will ensure the Coast Guard maintains its place as the world's best Coast Guard.

Note: Endurance days are number of days a cutter can sail before requiring replenishment.

High Endurance Cutters

Length: 378 feet

Crew: 18 officers, 143 enlisted

First Year Commissioned: 1967

Max speed: 29 knots

Endurance: 21 days for fuel; 16 days for personnel

Major missions: (deepwater) homeland security, law enforcement, search and rescue, national defense

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Ice Breakers

Length: 290 - 420 feet

Crew: 10 - 15 officers, 57 - 119 enlisted

First Year Commissioned: 1944

Max speed: 17 - 20 knots

Endurance: 80 days

Major Missions: (Deepwater) polar ice operations, marine science, search and rescue, national defense

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PA2 ALICE SERNOTT, 13TH DIST.

The CGC Midgett (WHEC 726) sails alongside the USS Constellation while deployed with the Constellation Battle Group to the Persian Gulf. The Midgett is the first Coast Guard cutter to deploy with a U.S. Navy Battle Group to the Gulf where its primary mission was to enforce the United Nation's sanctions against Iraq.



PA3 ROBERT LANIER, 13TH DIST.

The coastal buoy tender CGC Katherine Walker (WLM 552) breaks ice on the Hudson River.